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REVIEW OF COASTAL SECURITY SCHEME
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a review meeting of the Coastal Security Scheme (CSS) was held in the first half of December 2007;

(b) if so, the details of issues discussed and outcome thereof;

(c) the names of States/Union Territories which attended the review meeting;

(d) whether the coastline along several States and Union Territories are prone to illegal cross border activities including smuggling of explosive;

(e) if so, the extent to which comprehensive a review of Coastal Security Scheme is going to curb illegal cross border activities; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to curb such activities?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SMT. RADHIKA V. SELVI)

(a): Yes, Sir. A review meeting of the Coastal Security Scheme (CSS) under the chairmanship of Union Home Secretary was held on 13-12-2007.

(b): Various issues such as physical progress of actives, manpower jurisdictional issue, hiring of boats etc. were discussed in the meeting. It was decided that each State will prepare a detailed action plan setting time lines for the activities of these various issues under the Scheme.

(c): The review meeting was attended by the representatives of all the 9 coastal States of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and West Bengal and by the 4 coastal Union Territories of Daman & Diu, Lakshadweep, Poducherry and Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

(d) to (f): Yes, Sir. The inputs from various agencies suggest that several States & UTs are prone to cross border illegal activities. Concerned State authorities and field formations are sensitized as and when such inputs are received. The periodic comprehensive review of implementation of the Scheme fine-tunes the process of implementation the Scheme, of which aims to curb illegal cross border activities through coastal areas of the country.